

AUSTRALIAN ORCID CONSORTIUM

# ORCID YEAR IN REVIEW

# 2022



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The Australian Access Federation (AAF) as the ORCID Consortium Lead, would like to acknowledge the community for its continuing support of ORCID and the significant role it plays in Australia's Higher Education and Research sector.

2022 was another successful year for the consortium. We have 43 members across Australia and 90% have completed successful ORCID integrations with some undertaking multiple integrations. With 157,000 ORCID IDs connected by member integrations and over 195,000 items added through member integrations we are now starting to understand some of the benefits that ORCID integrations can provide. There are over 177,000 ORCID records with a '.au' domain which is more than five times greater than when the Consortium commenced in 2016.

During the year the Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC) and the AAF commissioned MoreBrains Cooperative to undertake an analysis of the incentives for adoption of persistent identifiers (PIDS) by the Australian research sector. The report outlines the benefits of PIDS through metadata reuse, and how this can save time and money for researchers nationally. It recommends that a national PIDS strategy is developed to support five priority PIDS for Australia. This strategy will build on the success of the AAF-led Australian ORCID consortium.

ORCID released a new tiered fee model in April with minimal change for our Australian members. The new model will enable the Australian consortium to cater for smaller organisations by making ORCID membership more equitable and providing room for new member growth.

As part of its ongoing engagement with the community, the AAF conducted both live and virtual events including focus group discussions and numerous one-on-one consultations. In addition, a Coffee-Break session was run for the first time focusing on specific ORCID member queries.

The summary of achievements for 2022 are reflected in the following report. We look forward to progressing new initiatives and continuing to support our members.



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Chair  
Australian Access Federation Ltd.

# HISTORY OF ORCID IN AUSTRALIA

## 2014 National Forum

ANDS & CAUL hosted a national forum to address the challenge of identifying researchers and their research

## 2015 Working Group

ORCID Working Group formed

Release of joint statements by peak bodies and funders supporting initiative

UA DVC-R's support of ORCID

Consortium model developed

AAF appointed Consortium Lead

Agreement signed by 40 members

## 2016 Australian Consortium launched

ORCID Consortium commenced

40 members

52% integrated

## 2018 ORCID Growth

80,000+ ORCID IDs

40 members

ARC use of ORCID in grant applications

70% integrated

## 2020 ORCID Growth

136,000+ ORCID IDs

42 members

83% integrated

Maturity Assessment launched

## 2022

### ORCID Growth

176,000+ ORCID IDs

43 members

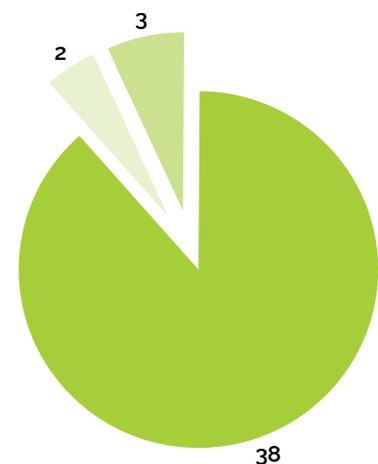
90% integrated

PIDS Cost Benefit Analysis Report released

## CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

- Higher Education
- Funders
- Research Organisations

**43**  
Members



# MEMBER INTEGRATIONS & DEVELOPMENT

**40**

Member integrations

**3**

Members planning

**9**

Members with multiple integrations

## BENEFITS FROM INTEGRATIONS

Through the new ORCID reporting dashboard, we are now able to understand the benefits of member integrations and their contributions to the broader research system.

**157,000**

ORCID IDs connected  
via integrations

**177,000**

ORCID records  
with '.au' domain

**13,731**

Unique ORCID IDs  
updated with affiliation

**26,723**

New ORCID IDs created

**195,221**

Items added by member  
integrations

## ■ PIDS COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

A cost-benefit analysis of persistent identifiers in the Australian research systems was undertaken by MoreBrains Cooperative and co-funded by the AAF and Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC). MoreBrains worked with managers at 23 institutions to understand how grants and publications were entered into systems and the time and money that is currently wasted on rekeying metadata. The report found that:

- ◆ the total time manually rekeying metadata is 38,000 days per year
- ◆ the total cost of this manual rekeying is \$24 million per year
- ◆ administrative tasks make up the bulk (30-40%) of the researchers' time that is wasted

The report recommended that Australia develop a national PIDS strategy with five priority PIDS, with an 80% adoption rate over the next five years. AAF will work closely with ARDC and other partners to provide a leadership role in this space and the creation of a national PIDS strategy will commence in 2023.

To read the full report go here: <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.710057>



## ■ ENGAGEMENT

### ACTIVITIES

In addition to the ORCID community newsletters, two focus group sessions were conducted in place of the annual survey which proved to be extremely valuable.

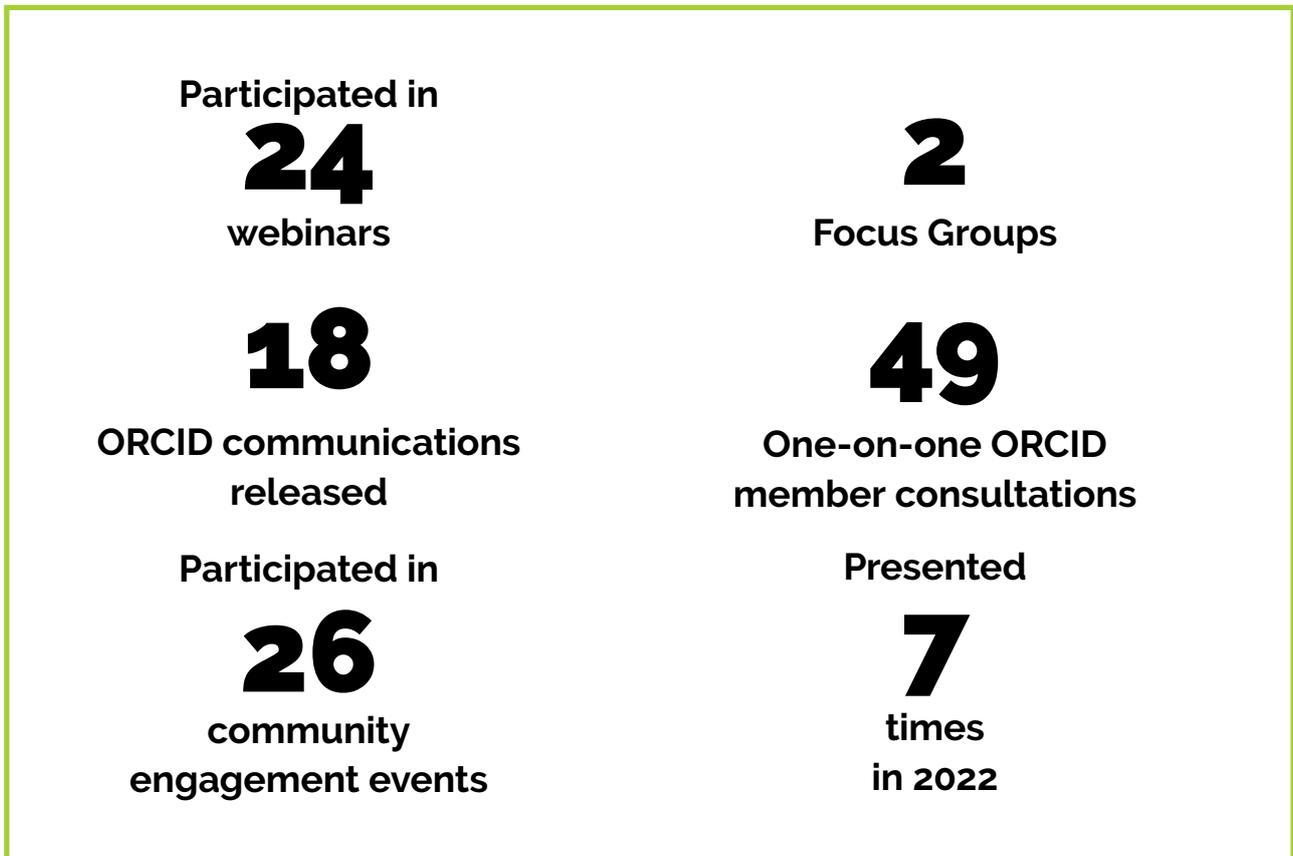
The sessions were attended by a range of consortium members from across the sector. The AAF and attendees found the ORCID focus groups extremely valuable, providing an opportunity to share knowledge, ask questions and identify areas for ongoing improvement.

### AAF COFFEE-BREAK SERIES

The AAF launched a series of short informal Coffee Break sessions, including a dedicated ORCID session. The session explored how ORCID members can make the most of their subscription and was followed by a live Q&A. The AAF is aiming to run additional sessions during 2023, including interviews with guests and members of the AAF team.



# ■ ORCID SNAPSHOT



## COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

### INTERNATIONAL

ORCID Consortia Interest Group  
RDA plenary  
NISO Plus 2022  
eResearch NZ  
Crossref Ambassador

### NATIONAL

ORCID Advisory Group  
ORCID Governance Committee  
eResearch Australasia  
ResBaz



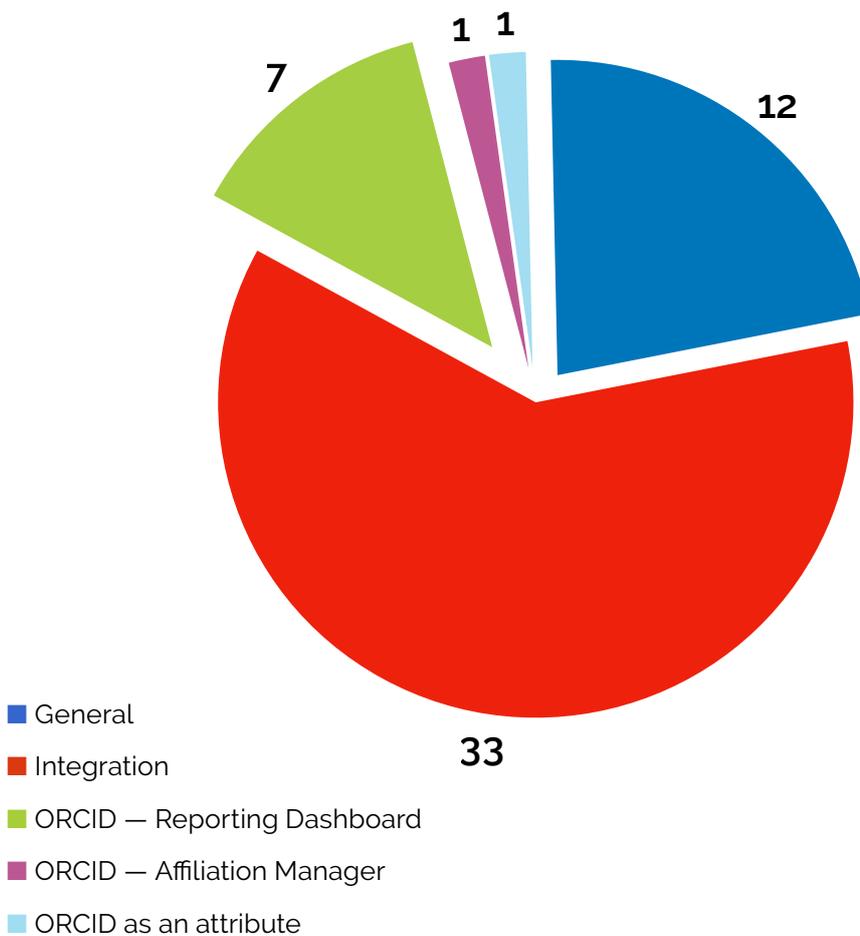
## SUPPORT

Members continued to receive a high level of support and assistance from the AAF in 2022. Support was provided for integrations, testing, planning and new membership enquiries. Services delivered to members included administrative and technical support, consultations and technical training.

**54**  
Support tickets solved

### SUPPORT TICKET BREAKDOWN

Consortium Lead Support Tickets 2022  
(1 January–31 December)



## 2023 ORCID STEERING COMMITTEE

When the Consortium was first formed, it was set up with an ORCID Advisory Group and Governance Committee. These two groups were instrumental in encouraging adoption and ensuring that the Consortium delivered outcomes for its members. As the Consortium has matured in its seventh year of operation, the purpose of these two groups has changed. In 2023 the two groups will merge to form the ORCID Steering Committee.

We would like to thank our dedicated members for their time and contribution over the last seven years to help grow and spread the word about ORCID adoption in Australia.

## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

### Members 2022

Prof Joe Shapter

Natasha Simons

Linda O'Brien

Elleina Filippi

Jill Benn

Dr Tania Bezzobs

Prof Susan Dodds

Kylie Emery

Tony Krizan

### Organisation

ORCID Governance Committee Independent — Chair Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research Infrastructure) UQ

ORCID Advisory Group — Chair

ORCID Org International Board Chair

Australian Access Federation (AAF) — Consortium Lead

Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) — Chair

Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS) — Chair

Universities Australia Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Research Committee — Chair

Australian Research Council (ARC)

National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

## ADVISORY GROUP

### Members 2022

Natasha Simons — Chair

Simon Huggard

Dr Liz Eedle

Sian Wright

Dr Julie Glover

Julia Tresidder

Justin Withers

Greg Sawyer

Elleina Filippi

Melroy Almeida — Secretariat support

Linda O'Brien — invited guest

### Organisation

Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC)

Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL)

Universities Australia (UA)

Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS)

National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

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Australian Research Council (ARC)

Council of Australasian University Directors of Information Technology (CAUDIT)

Australian Access Federation (AAF)

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ORCID Board of Directors (Int. rep)